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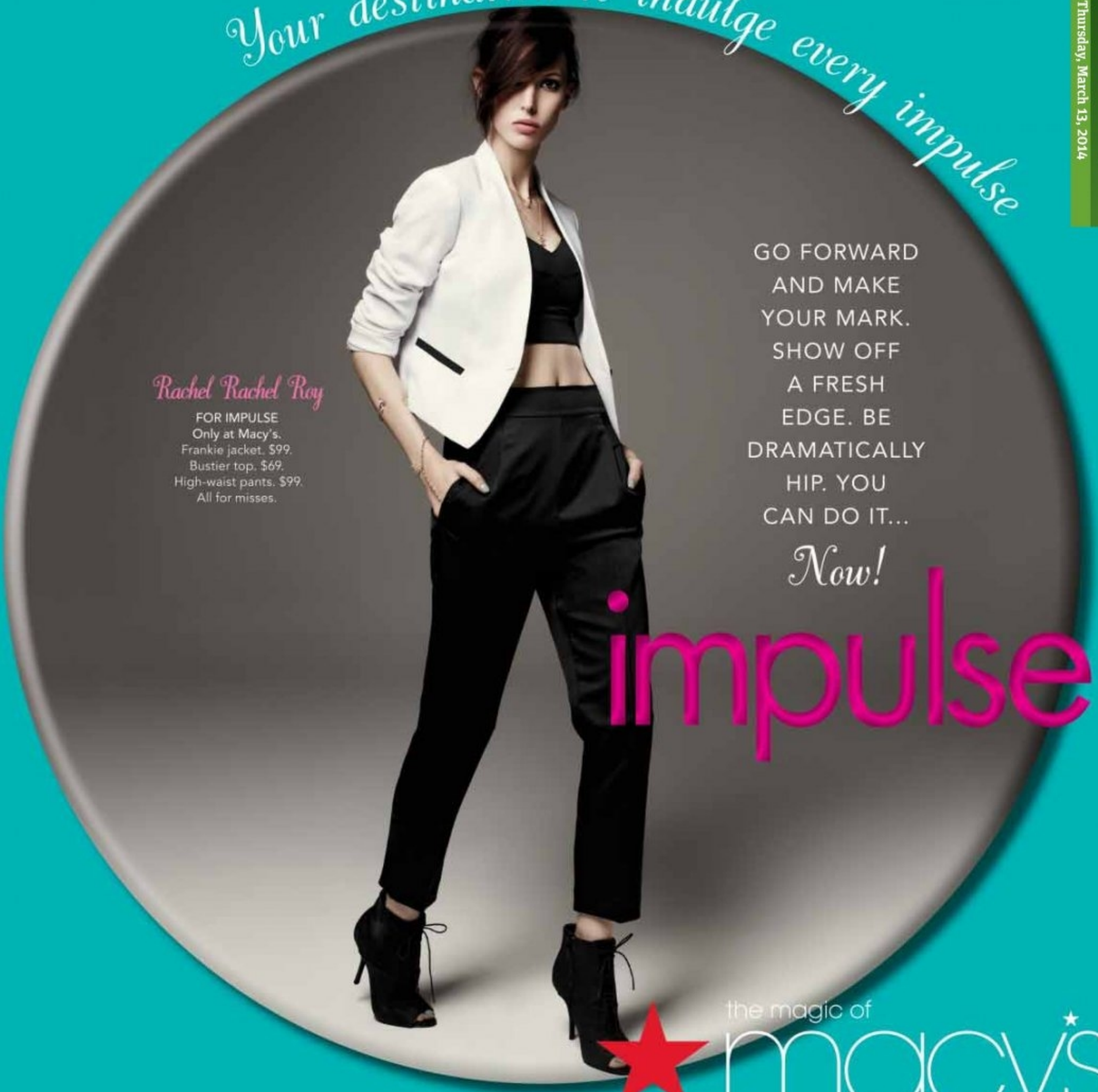

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# TSARNAEV: DROP CHARGES

**Defense request.** Attorneys for accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev are asking a federal judge to drop some of the 30 charges against him, claiming they are redundant. **Dubious date.** The judge said he will hear the request on April 16, one day after the bombing anniversary. PAGE 04

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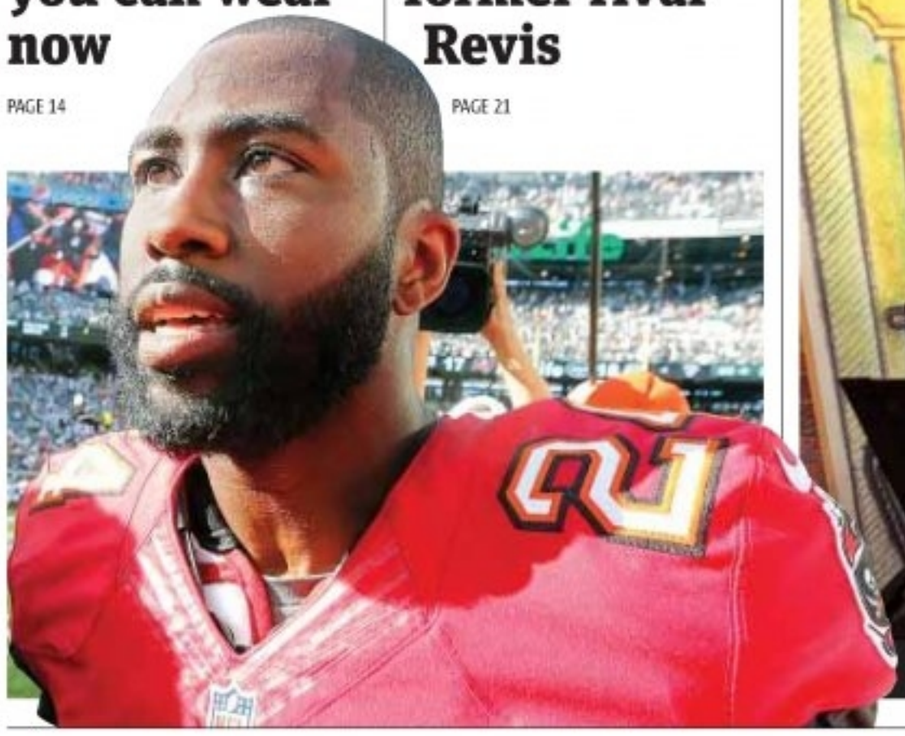

## Fame of thrones

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These potties will be put on a pedestal tonight as the Plumbing Museum in Watertown celebrates a fundraising gala. Didn't know these must-see WCs existed in the Boston area? We tell you why you should make it your No. 2 destination. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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**Today's tweet**

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@SIMBOSLICE1, on how a fellow rider copes with his commute

**Top 3**

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# Watertown Plumbing Museum making a splash

See more at www.metro.us

**Potty party.** If you're ever in need of a famous toilet, this Boston-area museum has got you covered.

If you haven't been to the world's only Plumbing Museum, we suggest you hit this head. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Just west of Boston, in a town with a fitting name, a 150-year old former ice house is home to the world's largest collection of a unique kind of Americana.

The Plumbing Museum in Watertown is gearing up for a fundraising gala tonight in honor of a global holiday that promotes the crucial craft.

Tuesday was World Plumbing Day, an international event initiated by the World Plumbing Council celebrating the important role plumbing plays in the health and safety of modern society.

While the museum features exhibits about the history of the industry, its gala, "Looking Forward, Giving Back," will focus on the future and the importance of educating the next generation of plumbers.

Proceeds from tonight's event will benefit the nonprofit museum and support students pursuing a career in plumbing.

There is "no doubt" that people tend to overlook the importance of plumbers, said Hugh Kelleher, executive director of the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of Greater Boston.

"There has been a real trend over the last few decades away from the skill trades," said Kelleher, "unlike places like Germany, where there has been a real emphasis on apprenticeships. That's what you're going to find over the next decade in the U.S. — there will be an increased appreciation in the importance of the skill trades."

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh was slated to be the evening's guest of honor; however, a spokeswoman said he will not attend.

"Most people who visit have no affiliation with plumbing at all. ... People just hear about it and want to come and see it," said Linda Veiking, a museum curator with an obvious passion for plumbing memorabilia.

Though there are museums dedicated solely to toilets, including one in New Dehli, the local collection flaunts a unique selection of commodes, sinks, restroom signs, tubs, faucets and toilet paper. And behind each porcelain piece is a story, some dating as far back to the 1860s.

"A lot of people who come by say, 'I never really thought about this stuff'," said Tom Palange, a marketing director for the museum.

"In terms of World Plumbing Day, a lot of it is about raising awareness for health and sanitation," he said, pointing to a vintage poster advertising the plumber's creed: "The plumber protects the health of the nation."

"If you ask an old-time plumber to repeat it, they know it," said Cannistraro.

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**When you gotta go**

**Founded in 1979, it is the only plumbing museum in the world.**

- Metro's favorite piece: A 19th-century "earth closet" originating in England. After using the wooden receptacle, people would close a lid, prompting a grate to cover the contents with dirt.
- "It did two things: It got rid of the odor, and when it was full you could empty it and put it in the garden as fertilizer. So they actually had an eco-friendly toilet back in 1860," said curator Linda Veiking

**Quoted**

"I think people are just interested in a plumbing museum because they have no idea what to expect. I've had people say they were just stunned by everything." Linda Veiking, curator

**Want to visit?**

The museum offers free tours by appointment and has been a venue for birthday parties, weddings, showers and private functions.

## Fight. Woman nabbed in Back Bay double stabbing

A woman was in court on Wednesday in connection with a double stabbing in Boston's Back Bay last week.

Officers from the Youth Violence Strike Force arrested Naomi Charles, 26, of Dorchester on Tuesday on an outstanding warrant, police said. Charles was charged with assault with intent to murder for allegedly participating in the stabbing of two female victims Friday on Hereford Street.

The stabbing was a result of a fight that broke out between two groups of women who knew each other prior to the attack.

Detectives are still seeking a second suspect in the attack. METRO

RMV

### Mass. drivers face higher fees

To generate $55 million needed to meet state spending demands, drivers face higher costs to have their vehicles inspected, to register their vehicles and to cover road testing costs. A public hearing is required before MassDOT can increase RMV fees. SHNS

MBTA

### Patrick to make late-night T announcement

Gov. Deval Patrick will visit Kendall Square this morning to make an announcement relative to late-night MBTA service, according to transit officials.

In December, the T announced it would launch weekend late-night bus, subway and light rail service beginning this spring. METRO

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Safety net

## House approves local aid plan

Massachusetts cities and towns would be guaranteed a $125 million increase across the state's two biggest local aid accounts under a resolution unanimously approved by the House on Wednesday. The proposal now moves to the Senate. SHNS

Women at work

## Fellowship program for women launches

In an effort to give women their best opportunity for success in the workplace, Gov. Deval Patrick on Wednesday announced the creation a fellowship program placing women in year-long positions in the executive branch.

Patrick / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

"An economy is only at its best when every individual has an equal opportunity to participate," Patrick said. "By focusing on redefining our own strategies to support women in the workplace, and challenging our business community to do the same, we will strengthen our economy and build a better Commonwealth for generations to come." SHNS

# Marathon bombing.
# Tsarnaev seeks to have some charges dropped

The man who federal prosecutors allege carried out the deadly Boston Marathon bombings wants some of the 30 related charges dropped, a request that will be considered during a hearing that is set to take place one day after the year anniversary of the terror attack that took the lives of three people and injured 260 more.

In an electronic court order released yesterday, U.S. District Judge George O'Toole said he scheduled a hearing in Moakley Federal Court for April 16, a day after the city marks the one-year anniversary of the bombings.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz said that it is unlikely Dzhokhar Tsarnaev will make an appearance at the hearing.

The 20-year-old has pleaded not guilty to a 30-count indictment that includes conspiracy, using a weapon of mass destruction and a slew of other charges related to the attack.

O'Toole said he will also hear a request to lift special restrictions placed on Tsarnaev while he awaits trial at Federal Medical Center Devens, a prison and hospital 40 miles west of Boston. Defense attorneys have argued that the restrictions limit his interactions with people helping his defense team.

Tsarnaev's lawyers say many of the charges are redundant and could influence jurors weighing whether to find him guilty and whether to sentence him to death, the Associated Press reported.

More than half the charges facing Tsarnaev carry the possibility of death penalty. Attorney General Eric Holder has given prosecutors the green light to pursue execution. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

**30 counts**

**On June 27, 2013, a federal grand jury returned a 30-count indictment charging Tsarnaev with the murder of three marathon spectators and an MIT police officer ambushed in his cruiser days after the bombing.**

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## Young T riders hold rally demanding cheaper fares

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# Crime. Dorchester man arrested for stalking at Quincy Adams T garage

Transit Police have arrested a man they believe stalked two women at the Quincy Adams MBTA parking garage last week.

Detectives arrested Tyreke Mastin, 20, of Dorchester, on Tuesday at the Hynes Convention Center station. Mastin was arraigned Wednesday in Quincy District Court on carjacking charges.

Police believe Mastin is responsible for two incidents in which women reported a man had followed them through the parking garage last week.

The first victim told police that she was walking on the second level of the garage last Thursday night when a man was "staring at her and following her." When she sought out other people to walk with, the suspect allegedly "crouched down between parked vehicles and began to crawl from one vehicle to the next." METRO

Mastin / TRANSIT POLICE

**Close calls**

Five minutes after the first incident:

- Another woman said a man matching the suspect's description followed her to her car on the fourth floor of the garage.
- Both women were able to escape.

## Flower show is blooming

The Boston Flower & Garden Show opened Wednesday at the Seaport World Trade Center, offering the city a sneak peak at spring. An estimated 60,000 people are expected to stop by and admire the roughly two million flowers on display. This year's theme is "Romance in the Garden." The show runs through Sunday. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

# Gun charges. Jury finds Mattapan man guilty

A jury on Wednesday rejected a Mattapan gun defendant's claim that he was planning on turning in the loaded handgun Boston Police found in his waistband after responding to a call for shots fired.

Jeff Jean, 23, was convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition and carrying a loaded firearm, Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley said.

Jurors rejected Jean's defense that he had found the firearm and was planning on turning it in at a police station but was sidetracked when he heard that shots had been fired near his home.

"This case involved a man on federal probation with a stolen, loaded firearm near the scene of a shots-fired call," Conley said.

"The rapid response by Boston Police prevented a shooting, or much worse, that night." METRO

**Winter lingers**

## Ice, snow expected today

Not so fast, Boston.

After two optimistically fair weather days, the city is expected to get snow showers before 10 a.m., with temperatures falling to around 20 degrees by 11 a.m., according to the National Weather Service.

Up to two inches of snow is due later in the day.

Things are looking up later in the week, with sunny skies Friday and a high near 51 on Saturday.

Brace for more cold next week, though. METRO

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## Satellite. Chinese image may show debris from missing Malaysian jet

A Chinese satellite hunting for the missing Malaysian Airline jetliner found three floating objects at sea along the plane's intended route, the government said.

Images from the Gaofen-1 showed the pieces were as large as 24 meters by 22 meters, the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense said on its website. The pictures were snapped on March 9, the day after Flight 370 vanished while flying to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur.

China's report placed the location near the confluence of the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand. BLOOMBERG

**Updating regulations**

## Obama to boost number of workers eligible for overtime

President Barack Obama will seek to increase the number of people eligible to earn overtime pay by updating regulations that exempt many supervisors, managers and office workers from getting paid for working extra hours, a White House official said on Wednesday.

Obama will ask the Labor Department today to look at regulations governing overtime, and whether to hike the salary threshold above which employers are not required to pay overtime. REUTERS

# Explosion and collapse rocks NYC neighborhood

Heavy smoke pours from the debris as the FDNY responds to a five-alarm fire and building collapse at 1646 Park Ave., in the Harlem neighborhood of Manhattan. / GETTY IMAGES

**Quoted**

**"All of a sudden the whole building shook. We had no idea what was going on."**

Robert Pauline
Columbia University data processor whose apartment six blocks away was rocked by the explosion

**Search.** Hundreds of firefighters scoured mounds of debris for trapped people.

Two New York buildings collapsed Wednesday in an explosion believed to have been caused by a gas leak, killing three people, injuring at least 36 and setting off a search for more victims feared trapped in the debris, officials said. As of press time Wednesday evening, the search was ongoing.

The blast, which scattered debris onto nearby rooftops, brought down neighboring five-story buildings with a total of 15 apartments at about 9:30 a.m. on the largely residential block at East 116th Street and Park Avenue.

Clouds of smoke billowed from the rubble of the buildings that sat above a ground-level church and a piano store in a majority Latino working-class neighborhood. Officials declined to give a number of people still missing.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, who rushed to the scene, where a cascade of twisted and burnt metal blocked the sidewalk and covered parked cars, said preliminary information showed the explosion was caused by a gas leak.

Officials said the blast occurred 15 minutes after a resident in an adjacent building called to complain of a gas odor.

Edward Foppiano, Con Ed's vice president for gas operations, said that while the utility could not say for certain what caused the explosion, it was treating the incident as a gas leak issue. REUTERS

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# Sandusky's wife claims that he is innocent, victims manipulated

**Child sexual abuse.** The case shattered Penn State's storied football program.

The wife of convicted child molester and former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky said on Wednesday that he was innocent and that the victims who testified against him were manipulated for money.

In her first television interview on the subject, Dottie Sandusky said on NBC's "Today" show that she believed her husband's contention that he had never molested boys, including incidents in their home in State College, Pa.

Jerry Sandusky, 70, a former defensive coordinator at Pennsylvania State University, was convicted of 45 counts of child sex abuse. He was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison for abusing 10 boys over the course of 15 years, including on campus.

Jerry Sandusky and his wife, Dottie / GETTY IMAGES

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The former coach's $4,900-a-month pension was revoked when he was sentenced. The decision also ended benefits for his wife, and Jerry Sandusky is trying to have the pension restored.

"I think they were manipulated. Once lawyers came into the case, they said there was money," she said of the victims who testified in the 2012 trial. Asked about newspaper commentators' contention that she was complicit in the abuse, Sandusky said, "I'm not a weak spouse.

"As you know, they called me 'Sarge' because Jerry said I kept everybody in line. If they want to say that, let them say that."

Penn State said in October it had paid $60 million to 26 men to settle the bulk of claims against it stemming from the scandal.

They included one from the Sanduskys' adopted son, Matt. Sandusky told "Today" she believed her husband's contention that he was innocent.

"I definitely believe him because if I didn't believe him ... when I testified at trial I could not have said what I said. I would have had to tell the truth," she said.

Sandusky was joined in the interview by documentary filmmaker John Ziegler, who believes Jerry Sandusky is innocent and has interviewed him in prison. **REUTERS**

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**Mystery**

## Police: Md. mall shooter may have copied Columbine

The gunman who killed two store employees at a Maryland mall this year did not know his victims and may have been obsessed with the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, police said on Wednesday. The shooter, Darion Marcus Aguilar, 19, opened fire at a Columbia mall on Jan. 25. After the attack, he killed himself with his 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun. Investigators have been unable to find any connection between Aguilar and the employees he gunned down at a Zumiez Inc. skateboard store. **REUTERS**

**Controversial**

## Labor Department to release financial advisers rule

The Department of Labor is eyeing August as a target to release a controversial proposal that would require retirement plan financial advisers to put their clients' interests ahead of their own, a department official confirmed Wednesday.

"We are not quite finished. We haven't made all of our decisions," Phyllis Borzi, the assistant secretary of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, said in remarks at an event. "August is our goal." The department has been working for several years to overhaul regulations that govern how advisers provide guidance to clients in workplace retirement plans. **REUTERS**

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## The Lindsay Lohan sex list

HOLD UP – HER TINSELTOWN TALLY IS WAY MORE THAN FOUR.

The men Lindsay Lohan has slept with are way more impressive than the people she's worked with.

In a "world exclusive," In Touch Weekly somehow got its hands on Lindsay Lohan's conquest list, and the names are a who's who of Hollywood elite. Some of the biggies? Heath Ledger, Adam Levine, Zac Efron, Justin Timberlake, Joaquin Phoenix, Colin Farrell, Evan Peters, Wilmer Valderrama and Jamie Dornan.

Apparently, Lohan worked on the list while drinking with friends at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Jan. 30, 2013. (I mean, who hasn't written down all of the famous stars they have slept with, amiright?) "It was her personal conquest list. She was trying to impress her friends with the list and then tossed it aside," a source tells the mag, which reprinted the handwritten list. The source notes that Lohan had to think about the names, "as if she had to remind herself of who they were."

However — and this is juicy — some of the names have been redacted for legal reasons, signaling that some of the men on the list could be married actors. Uh-oh.

True or not, this pleases me to no end. This list is the most interesting work of art Lohan has worked on in years.

See more at www.metro.us

## Little bump in the Big Apple

Kristin Cavallari, who is married to Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, flaunts her baby bump in New York City on Wednesday. The couple, who are already parents to son Camden Jack, revealed last month via Instagram that they were expecting another boy.

Talking point

### Swift gives Gomez the boot

Selena Gomez is reportedly learning the hard way that reuniting with Justin Bieber might cost her a friend or two, as Taylor Swift has started giving Gomez the cold shoulder recently, according to Us Weekly. But while Gomez's reunion with Bieber in Texas for the SXSW music festival this week is the last straw as far as Swift is concerned, her distrust of Gomez apparently started last June, when Gomez reportedly "used" Swift's pal Ed Sheeran to make Bieber jealous. "After Selena pulled that move, Taylor started distancing herself," a source says.

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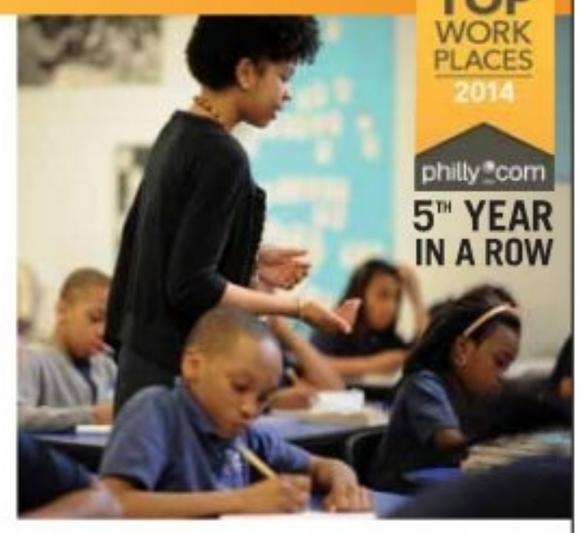


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What you'll see

## 'Need for Speed'

1 Can Aaron Paul survive after "Breaking Bad"? Is he even the same person without liberal use of profanities? Find out as he races across the country in a souped-up vehicle to get to another race.

Aaron Paul has a need for speed — which is to say driving fast, not a drug that's not meth. / MELINDA SUE GORDON

Must-see

## 'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

10 The latest Wes Anderson joint probably won't win over detractors, but that's their loss. Often criticized for being obsessive-compulsive and uninterested in the real world, the filmmaker goes so far as to create his own mid-European country. There, in the days leading up to World War II, a snooty yet profane concierge (Ralph Fiennes) gets involved in some dangerous business after banging an octogenarian dowager (Tilda Swinton). Along with his regulars, Anderson welcomes Saoirse Ronan, Mathieu Amalric, Tony Revolori and more into the fold.

Bill Murray is in the new Wes Anderson film, of course. / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

# ADMIT ONE

Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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**2 'Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club'**
Has it already been three months since the last Tyler Perry film? This time he rounds up a diverse batch — Nia Long, Amy Smart, Cocoa Brown and Wendi McLendon-Covey — to bond. There's also the great Terry Crews.

**3 'Veronica Mars'**
You paid for this movie to happen, now pay again to see it. Funded in part by Kickstarter, the junior sleuth show finds its hero (Kristen Bell) lured back to Neptune, Calif., when her old boyfriend is accused of murder.

**4 'The Visitors'**
Almost 30 years ago, monk-turned-filmmaker Godfrey Reggio seared retinas with his time lapse-heavy, Philip Glass-scored, maximalist enviro-art film "Koyaanisqatsi." He returns with this more somber piece of contemplation featuring, mostly, people staring at you.

**5 '300: Rise of an Empire'**
Zack Snyder's homophobic yet homoerotic Spartan bloodbath gets a belated sequel, or a rather side-sequel. The less chronicled Battle of Artemisium is the focus this time around, and best of all there's Eva Green as a warrior queen who likes to make out with freshly decapitated heads.

**6 'Mr. Peabody & Sherman'**
Rocky and Bullwinkle don't have the greatest track record when it comes to movie adaptations. But here we go again, with the show's dog-and-boy segments transformed into a time travel movie.

**7 'Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me'**
Elaine Stritch, now 89, hasn't called it quits, even though she did leave New York for Birmingham, Mich. This documentary catches her before her move, looking back on her long, illustrious and often salty life.

**8 'The Wind Rises'**
Legendary Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away") once claimed this study of a man who designed WWII fighter planes was his retirement film. Then he said he wasn't retiring. We're not sure whether he means it, but you should still see this.

**9 'Non-Stop'**
Charles Bronson was still making "Death Wish" pictures at 73, so Liam Neeson still has another 12 years to make movies like "Non-Stop." Or he could do some prestige films. This time he's an alkie air marshal who finds there's a killer on his latest flight.

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# 'We don't have any rules'

metro goes to SXSW Music

**SXSW.** The members of Warpaint discuss their sound and the sounds they're eager to hear in Texas.

When the members of Warpaint sit down in the lobby cafe of the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas, half of them order beers. It's quarter past noon. But this anecdote is a little misleading; the band are taking it easy compared to the SXSW Music Conference in 2011, when they played 13 shows in four days.

"When you start touring and you start playing festivals, you realize, 'Oh my God, we're going to meet all of these artists that we love and we're actually contemporaries and part of this whole movement,'" says Theresa Wayman, who sings and plays guitar for the band.

"It's kind of debaucherous," adds Emily Kokal, who sings and plays guitar too. "We don't have any rules. It's just what feels good. We've gotten better at listening to ourselves and figuring out what we want."

Warpaint are only playing six SXSW shows this year, giving themselves a break, and they all seem eager to take in sets by some of those contemporaries and new performers.

Wayman mentions the R&B singer BANKS.

"There's this one song that is really amazing," she says. "It's called, 'This Is What It Feels Like.'"

She produces her phone and plays the song for her bandmates. The conversation turns to En Vogue, the '90s vocal group who Wayman says she used to watch video footage of as a kid. Although the influence is not immediately apparent on Warpaint's self-titled second album, it makes sense. On most of the songs, the vocal notes are drawn out in a way that it's easy to forget that they're words and not just sounds, and the wispy harmonies float above as instruments drive and dirge like classic alternative rock. Basically the sound is somewhere between En Vogue and The Cure.

"Soul is embedded in all of us," says Kokal, "just like a lot of different musical stylings, but it's not illuminated that we all like to dance. That's something that ties us all together."

Los Angeles-based ladies who rock Warpaint are taking it easy at South by Southwest this time around, playing only six shows instead of 13 like they did at the 2011 installment. / ROBIN LAANANEN

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Wayman giggles as she reveals that the girl who had lost the ring is the singer she's most excited to hear play SXSW. "That's BANKS!"

"She was really upset and cute," says Kokal. "That song is amazing."

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From left are Wayman, Lindberg, Kokal, Mozgawa and a second instance of Wayman, who wanted to run to the other side of the panoramic photo to be included twice. / PAT HEALY

Quoted

**"It's kind of debaucherous. You enjoy it in a different way each time. We don't have any rules. It's just what feels good. We've gotten better at listening to ourselves and figuring out what we want."**

**Emily Kokal,** on touring


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## Swinging '60s

Versace was the one that took the idea most literally, but designers across all four cities showed the Swinging '60s some love. Prepare to hike up your hemline: mini-dresses are in.

It's a familiar cycle: Christmas and New Year's Eve come and go, and we pull ourselves through January by splurging on brand-new clothes for spring. But by the time March arrives, we don't want our expensive new spring garb anymore and are coveting next season's trends instead.

It's a cruel aspect of the fashion industry. Despite spring/summer '14 not even technically having arrived yet, pastel pinks are feeling old hat and we're already craving next season's Marni fur coats, Burberry blankets and '60s mini-dresses a la Versace instead.

Your March rent money may have already been spent on everything floral, sporty and slider-ish. So you don't waste your next paycheck too, we're helping to satisfy your craving for trendy new clothes with a run-through of next season's must-haves that you can totally jump on early.

## Royal blue

Royal blue is set to be one of the defining shades of fall/winter '14, with the likes of Topshop Unique, Proenza Schouler and Roksanda Ilincic all embracing it. We know for a fact it's a color that looks great with a tan, so why wait until winter?

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## Roll-neck sweaters

Peeking out from coats, cardigans and dresses, roll-neck sweaters are set to be big news next season — and our necks couldn't be happier. OK, a swamping cashmere turtleneck knit isn't exactly height-of-summer appropriate, but before city weather gets sticky, make the most of thinner versions before going extra chunky for winter.

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# HOW SAFE IS A DAMAGED DILDO?

***I've got a quick question and it's kinda weird. My girlfriend has had a dildo for some time and, recently, she has grown quite fond of it. That is until three days ago, when the damn thing caught on fire next to her dresser while she was in the shower. (I knocked the dresser not knowing there was a lit candle next to it.) Is the dildo still safe to use? I managed to get all the wax off, but it still has some burns on it and it smells like burnt rubber. Is it toxic to use internally?***

Does the old "you break it, you buy it" rule apply to sex toys? / COLOURBOX

Are you serious?! Sir, you are the reason I love writing this column. As anyone who's ever signed up for Tinder, OkCupid, Match.com, JDate or any other dating site can attest, anything is possible — and, thanks to the Internet, we can all find out about it. I appreciate your sharing.

I'll take you at your word and assume that the situation above actually occurred. Worst case scenario, you've given everyone a laugh, something we can all appreciate. Best case scenario, you truly need advice, and my tips will serve to improve your sex life and also aid others in similar situations. Either way, thank you.

## Read my advice

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## Buy your girlfriend a new toy

You mentioned she was "quite fond" of her toy. Given that dildos can measure up to 18 inches in length and have the girth of Arnold Schwarzenegger's forearm, this item was probably pretty special to your lady. Since you're the one who destroyed it, you owe her a replacement. Either buy the same model you ruined or branch out and purchase a new product that meets her unique style, interests and preferred sexual activities. Treat your gift like any present: Wrap it, don't forget the card and a bow! A little effort will go far.

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**Television**

## Online dating on the small screen

Forty million people date online, so it's safe to say that meeting online is the new normal. Now Bravo wants to give you online dating from a male point of view with their new show "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male." The show will follow a bunch of guys while they try to find love, sex or something else online.

One of the men on the show is 33-year-old Ephraim Hirschfeld, from Marina del Rey, California.

Hirschfeld started dating online at the end of 2010, and his favorite site is Match.com. The first time he tried, he dated the first girl who wrote him for over a year.

Ephraim Hirschfeld shows his dad the ropes. / NBCUNI

"I figured why not go back again," he laughs. As for his online dating techniques, he follows his best judgment. "I'm make it clear that I've read what she's written and take the time to understand who she is, and write a thoughtful reply." Catch the show tonight at 10 on Bravo.

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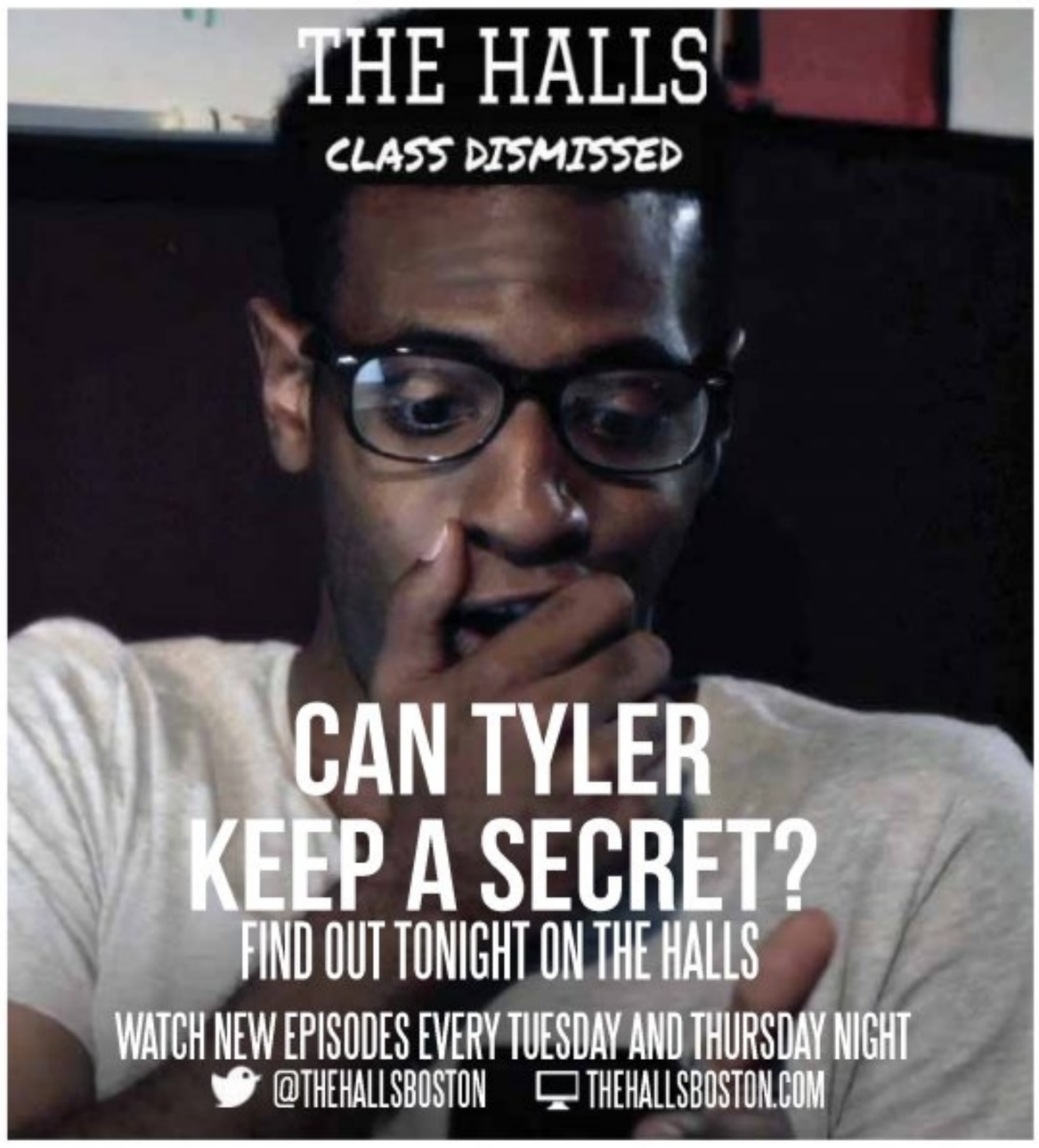


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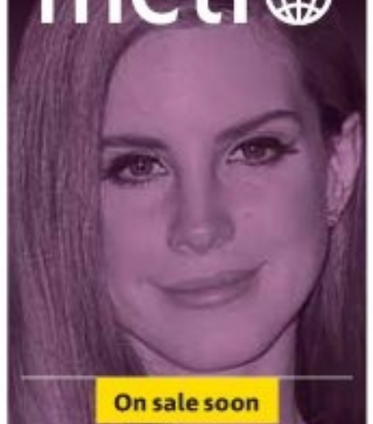

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*The Uncluded*
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April 27, The Sinclair
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May 21, House of Blues
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May 30, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion
(On sale Friday)

*Tyler, the Creator*
June 6, House of Blues
(On sale now)

# FINDING A RELEASE THAT'S 'TOO TRUE'

**Coming attraction.**
A Dum Dum Girl digs working with the boys.

When it comes to Dum Dum Girls' music, boys figure pretty highly: case in point, the Girls' January-released album "Too True," another result from head honcho Dee Dee Penny's unique working relationship with producers Richard Gottehrer and Sune Rose Wagner. Gottehrer's musical pedigree stretches from 1960s Brill Building pop to working with Blondie and The Go-Go's to his current role as co-manager of The Raveonettes. Wagner, of course is a member of the latter band, and the three have weaved in and out of each other's musical lives for the past four years.

"I'm a very insular person," explains Penny, whose real name is Kristin Welchez, half of which comes courtesy of husband and fellow musician, Brandon Welchez of Crocodiles.

"The music I make is very much a personal project; its creation is a very personal experience. The idea of working with anyone …" she pauses, as if recalling something painful. "Well, I'm a little cold to that idea. But when I met Richard, it was such a natural pairing. I had such a great respect for the many things he'd done in the past. It was Richard's idea to bring Sune in. How he regards us as artists, Richard thinks about us in a similar way."

Still, at the end of the day, this is her record, written alone in a couple of weeks in her Brooklyn apartment in between touring. "Too True" sees the Northern Californian native stretching her pen-work to create songs with a more literary feel. Not that there isn't the buzz saw psych guitar workouts of old, but it's a more vocal album, playing up the Dum Dums' wall-of-sound girl group aspect. Given that Welchez actually lost her voice, delaying the record, that aspect is surprising.

"If you look at my track record up to this point, this was a very big stretch between releases," Welchez says. "All because my voice crapped out on me. I had such significant vocal problems; I had three months where I didn't sing at all, then six months of rehabilitating my voice and getting back to a place where I could finish the record. It was a physical problem that was also incredibly psychological. Basically, my whole thing was failing on me. It was a mind-f—, for sure."

If you go

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New England-based indie rock singer-songwriter Mark Mulcahy has two generations of fans. The first know him from his '80s band Miracle Legion and the second from his '90s project Polaris, which provided the music for "The Adventures of Pete and Pete."

Mark Mulcahy / R. MURRAY

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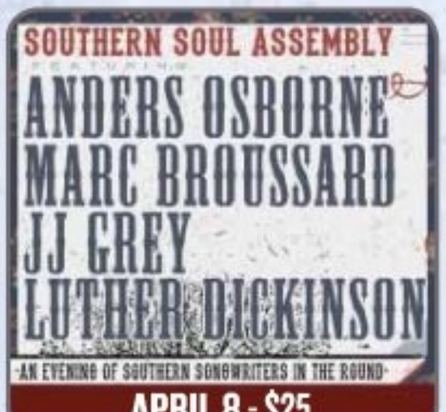


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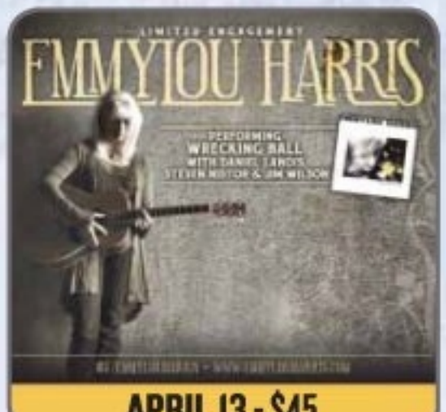


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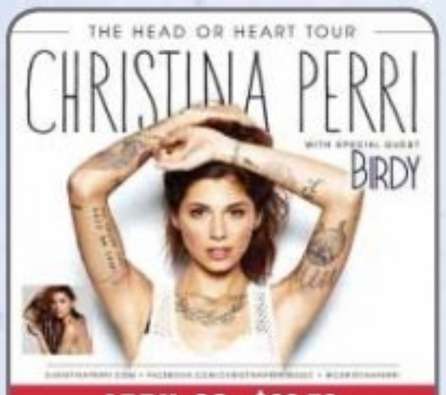


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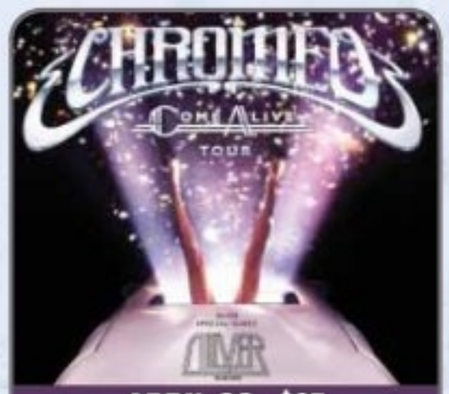


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# BUKOWSKI'S NEXT CHAPTER IN BEER

It's been 20 years this month since the death of iconic American author Charles Bukowski, and the people behind the bar that shares his name are celebrating appropriately: by drinking. In a new program that launched this past Sunday at Bukowski Tavern in Cambridge called the "R.I.P. Series," the Wilcox Group, (who also operate The Lower Depths, The Tip Tap Room, the Parish Cafe and others), served up the first offering in what will be a new original brew partnership with a list of breweries.

The first beer is a collaboration with Portico Brewing, called "Pulp," a red ale named for Bukowski's final novel.

"We just wanted to kick it off in a way that could kind of say we're starting something new for Bukowski. So why not name it after his last novel, where he left off?" explains Justin Lipata, bar manager at Bukowski Cambridge.

Existence, as he wrote in "Pulp," may be hard work, but so is brewing, so they enlisted the aid of a group of brewers, including Harpoon, Rising Tide, Clown Shoes, Jack's Abby and Cisco. A new one will roll out every couple of months or so.

Taste a Bukowski-inspired brew at Bukowski's. / DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

"Everyone is biting at the nip right now," Lipata says. "We are very excited so many breweries want to participate."

Each beer will be very much a collaboration, he explains, between the particular brewers and the Wilcox bar team. For the Portico Pulp, which was brewed at Watch City in Waltham, "we wanted a style to fit the season, so we thought, what a great time in New England, with the spring starting to come back and St. Patrick's Day coming, let's do a red ale. Then we added hibiscus flower to kind of remind people of the return of spring."

The beers will be available at all of their locations throughout the city, ranging from $6.50-7 and a portion of the sales will be donated to an as yet undetermined Boston literacy program, they say.

Bukowski getting in on the craft brewing experience makes sense; they were one of the first bars in the area to really embrace the breadth of brewing options from around the world, long before anyone started paying attention. At Bukowski in Cambridge there are 31 draft lines and around 140 bottles at the moment. "I think the beer scene in Boston now, compared to when the original Bukowski in Boston opened, is totally different. Everyone can get these distinct, unique, rare craft beers, so that's one of the driving things behind this process — so you have to come to us to try these beers. We think it's gong to make people a little more excited in Boston, with all these brews coming out with brand new, never-before-seen styles. When you see a beer readily available at every bar, it hits a lull. You want to energize the people again, make them more interested."

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This show centers on humanity's relationship with animals, described by curator Jane O'Hara as "schizophrenic." We're not sure how she means that, but point taken: Our relationship is not terribly sane.

MUSIC

## Erik Satie: Sports and Diversions

**Tonight, 7**
**Community Music Center of Boston, 34 Warren Ave., Boston**
**Free, 617-482-7494 www.cmcb.org**
Erik Satie composed this piece, inspired by sports, for piano and violin. Performed here by Vytas Baksys and Anne Hooper Webb, with choreography by Anne Lemos Edgerton.

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This play by Ann Marie Healy is a work of dystopian science fiction in a future with two castes: the genetically enhanced and the genetically unenhanced.

MOVIES

## Martin Scorsese Presents: 'Masterpieces of Polish Cinema'

Friday through March 23
Brattle Theater,
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# LONG LIVE DINE OUT BOSTON!

Kitchen in the South End is participating in Dine Out Boston. / DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

It's a simple exchange: Restaurants attract new regular customers; diners try new places or revisit favorite restaurants and get a good deal. At least, that's the plan. While Restaurant Week centered on a fixed agenda, Dine Out Boston reboots it, adding greater menu-building flexibility with customized menus for lunch at $15, $20 or $25 and dinner for $28, $33 or $38.

The three-course prix fixe remains a popular standard, though. Three-time Restaurant Week participant, Kitchen, in the South End, is among the 187 restaurants signed up. Though the young restaurant's three-course prix fixe stands at the pricier end ($38), it involves most of their regular menu. Diners can experience much: from the flavor fusion of wild mushrooms bathed in melting ricotta to the clean separation of pan-roasted sole with vegetables and even get chocolate pudding!

"I am interested to see how other restaurants approach Dine Out Boston and interested to see if diners like it better," says chef and owner Scott Herritt. "We are treating Dine Out just as we did Restaurant Week by offering, basically, our entire regular menu to give the guest the same experience they'd have if they dined at the restaurant any other time."

Kitchen is also using Dine Out to promote its new lunch service: "Our goal is to impress with food, drinks and service."

At 75 Chestnut, a long-standing restaurant on Beacon Hill, chef Markus Ripperger's three-course dinner minimizes choice, but heavily discounts price ($28). The menu has two starters – salad or soup – and three entrees, including monkfish piccata or naturally-raised roasted pork loin and dessert.

"We do hope to introduce 75 Chestnut to new guests and hope they'll become our regulars," says Ripperger. "We took part in Restaurant Week in the past but stopped participating in the last few years. The performance was lackluster," he adds. "We like the Dine Out format a lot. As you can see, we are back."

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When's dinner?

## Just as good on Tuesdays

As with its predecessor, expect individual places to customize the Dine Out format at will. For restaurant owners, Dine Out Boston removes a big Restaurant Week bone of contention by nixing the biggest eat-out night of the week: Saturday. Don't worry, food tastes just as good on Tuesdays.

If you go

## Dine Out Boston

**Runs March 16-21 and March 23-28;**
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**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Consider reconnecting with an old friend and take advantage of any travel deals that turn up. Romance is on the rise. A personal change is apparent.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Look after your interests. Some information you receive will be inaccurate. To save costly delays, you should verify every piece of information.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Change is in the air. You'd be wise to check out real estate opportunities. Find a property or location you are interested in and make some inquiries.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Keep your dealings with others to a minimum. Someone will consider your goals to be unrealistic. Don't waste time trying to persuade others to see things your way.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Put your creativity to good use. Channel your energy into a project that interests you. If you do something that you find stimulating, you will make new friends along the way.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your plans are gaining momentum. It's important to keep up the pace if you want to avoid being sidetracked by someone trying to outmaneuver you.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** If you keep an eye out, you will find an attractive deal. Muster up some courage and go after your dreams. You are likely to redeem some benefits, as well as some recognition.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** You will run into several pitfalls if you don't take measures to ensure your success. Be happy with the results you achieve, however long it takes you to get them.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Let your adventurous side take over. Feel free to try something new, but don't overestimate your abilities. Let people with experience lead the way.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.** Some of your relationships may have grown stale or unfulfilling. Take a step forward, and look for new things to stimulate your mind.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.** It's time to effect some necessary changes. Whether you have to make an adjustment to your financial or physical situation, it's a good day to take action. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

## Letters

### US should lend a helping hand to put out its own fires

I read several articles about the Russian invasion of Crimea. But when I tried to discuss them with my Russian friends here, most of them expressed hostility toward the United States' involvement.

Their main idea is: We have a lot of our own problems here, economic, financial, etc. Why do we need to help others, while forgetting American people? Minimum wage, Social Security and other benefits are being cut, and skyrocketing prices are increasing. Many Russians and even Ukrainians hate America for our affairs and involvement everywhere in the world. And because of this, many of them support Putin's policies, to show their disagreement with policies of the American government. I can't find any wisdom in American politics.

JEREMY KOHLBERG, VIA EMAIL

### Date rape is still rape

**Re: 'Is the only way to "Marry Smart"?' (Metro, March 11)** As a psychotherapist who has had the opportunity and privilege to do trauma work with rape survivors for the past 30 years, I was saddened and upset to read the quotes in Susan Patton's interview about her views on date rape.

Unfortunately, she is totally mistaken about what constitutes rape, and I believe that she has inadvertently triggered traumatic responses in readers by belittling this crime. Many rape survivors suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Ms. Patton's foolish and unsubstantiated comments uttered so blithely further exacerbate the enormous wound that rape survivors suffer.

WENDY FORMAN, PH.D., VIA EMAIL

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Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

**Across**
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4 Footnote word
8 Splice, in botany
13 Comet — -Bopp
14 Nerve network
15 100 kopecks
16 Buffalo's lake
17 Manchurian river
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20 Minced words
22 Good evening, Pierre
24 Lugosi of "Dracula"
25 Ques. opposite
26 Wig
28 I, for Wolfgang
31 Battery units
34 Area
35 Plenty, for a poet
36 Sunblock additive
37 Goes without food
38 Flock
39 Bosses, briefly
40 Two-BR units
41 Foreshadows
42 Walk softly
43 Ms. Martinelli
44 Kyoto honorific
45 Get boring
47 Type of paint
51 Biased
55 "Yuck!"
56 Positioned
57 Valhalla honcho
58 Volcano goddess
59 Archaeology find
60 — of ethics
61 Mr. Stravinsky
62 Weight deductions
63 Mine finds
64 Sweet murmur

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1 Andretti or Puzo
2 Adjust the tires
3 Casual wear
4 Euphrates people
5 Express doubts
6 Needle case
7 Game show name
8 Local merchant
9 Bucolic
10 Didn't vote
11 Ice sheet
12 Lean toward
13 Mint or marjoram
20 Practically forever
21 Stage awards
23 Cloys
26 Shade-loving plant
27 Formic acid producers
29 Bay
30 Road map info
31 Mae West persona
32 Ms. Korbut
33 Sayer's Wimsey (2 wds.)
34 Channel-surfs
35 Piano-key wood
37 Cascades
41 Medieval entertainer
43 Slurs together
44 Vistas
46 Astaire sister
47 Stage whisper
48 "Hasta —, Pedro!"
49 Arctic dwelling
50 "Moonstruck" Oscar-winner
51 Furtive sound
52 Meter maid of song
53 A little, to Liszt
54 Hound's trail
58 Snapshot

**Yesterday's answer**

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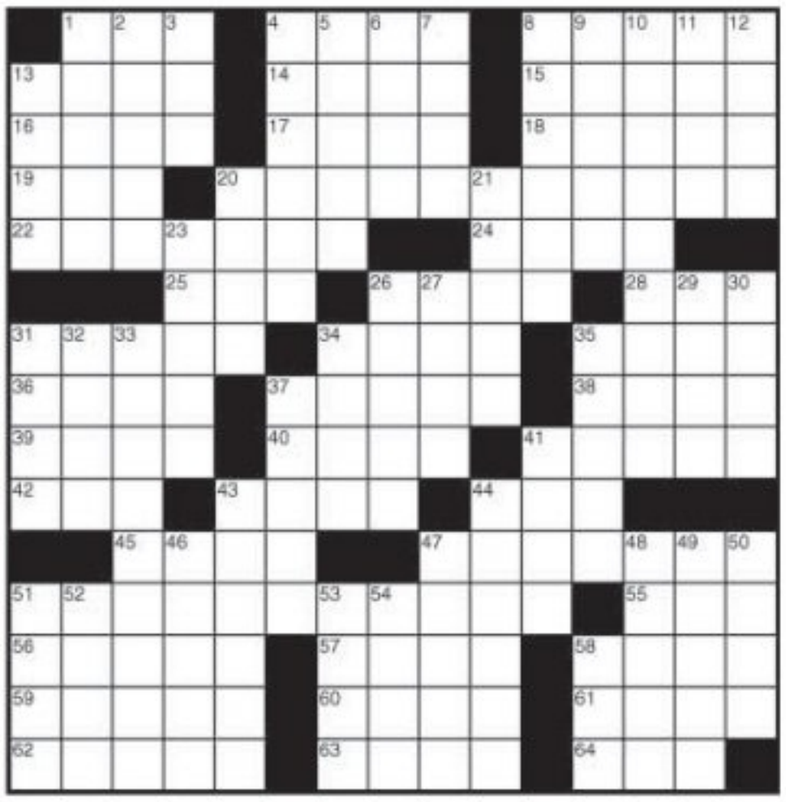

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Cornerback Darrelle Revis, who has 21 interceptions in seven NFL seasons, was released by the Buccaneers Wednesday. / GETTY IMAGES

# Pats pounce on Revis after Bucs release

**NFL.** Darrelle Revis signed with the Pats after Aqib Talib was introduced in Denver.

With a $1.5 million bonus approaching, the Buccaneers cut bait with former Jets All-Pro cornerback Darrelle Revis on Wednesday.

And the rival Patriots swooped in to make a one-year, $12 million deal with Revis before the day was out, according to multiple reports.

Revis signed a six-year, $96 million deal with Tampa Bay just last offseason.

**Visiting hours**

**A glance at other free agents the Pats are interested in:**

- Wide receiver **Brandon LaFell,** who played four years in Carolina, met with the Patriots Wednesday, according to ESPN.
- Defensive end **Matt Shaughnessy** also reportedly met with New England Wednesday. Shaughnessy was with Arizona in 2013.
- Lineman **Shelley Smith,** formerly with St. Louis, also met with the Pats.

The Patriots lost free agent corner Aqib Talib to the Broncos late Tuesday. Talib, who inked a six-year, $57 million deal with the AFC rival, was introduced in Denver Wednesday. He was asked about the "pick play" Broncos receiver Wes Welker used in the AFC title game and said the play was not intentional as Patriots head coach Bill Belichick insinuated at the time.

"Wes is a good friend of mine," Talib said. "I watched the play 1,000 times and I can promise you, he didn't do it on purpose."

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## NFL. Plenty of moving parts across league on second day of free agency

NFL fans haven't been able to catch their breath since free agency opened Tuesday at 4 p.m. and it should take awhile for most to get accustomed to seeing big names in new uniforms.

Among the bigger moving pieces on the second day of free agency was former Cowboys All-Pro DeMarcus Ware reaching a three-year, $30 million deal with the Broncos and the Lions reaching a five-year agreement with wide receiver Golden Tate. Huge names were let go or will be let go as well as Carolina will reportedly part ways with receiver Steve Smith, the Browns will give up on quarterback Brandon Weeden and Saints running back Darren Sproles desperately wants to be released by New Orleans.

Wednesday was also a big day for free agent visits as Giants defensive end Justin Tuck reportedly met with Oakland and Steelers safety Ryan Clark will entertain signing with the Redskins.

The defending-champion Seahawks were active, releasing defensive Chris Clemons but scheduling a visit with tight end Jermichael Finely.

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DeMarcus Ware is now a Denver Bronco. / GETTY IMAGES

## 3 SPORTS

**NHL**

### *Peverley out for season*

**Dallas Stars forward Rich Peverley will not play again in the 2013-14 season after collapsing on the Stars' bench Monday night. The 31-year-old former Bruin will undergo a procedure to attempt to regulate his heart rate.**

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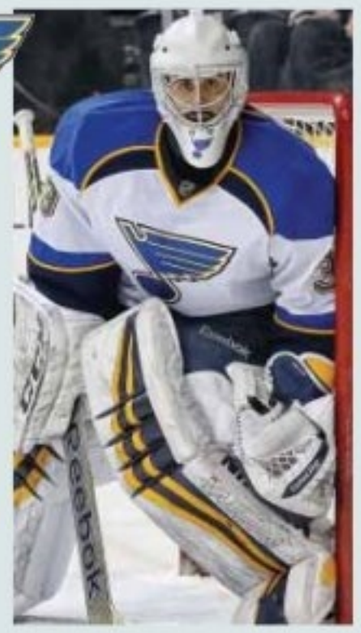
# NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

**No. 1**

## Blues (44-14-7)



As predicted, the Blues are even better with Ryan Miller in net. The Western Conference is stacked, but at the moment, the Blues are two points ahead of Anaheim for first place. St. Louis' goal differential is an NHL-best plus-65, which is close to insane. The Blues are 7-2-1 in their last 10 games and are 4-1 since they acquired Miller from the Sabres at the trade deadline last week.

**No. 2**

## Ducks (43-15-7)

When you are 4-4-2 in your last 10 games and three points behind St. Louis after playing the same amount of games, you get bumped down.

**More rankings**

More of an NBA fan than an NHL follower? Don't worry, we've got you covered on the hardwood, as well. Check out Metro's NBA power rankings every Wednesday. And coming in April, we'll crank up the MLB rankings. As always, check out www.metro.us/sports for more.

**No. 3**

## Penguins (44-17-4)

For one night (Sunday), the Bruins were a point ahead of the Penguins. Since then, Pittsburgh swept a back-to-back with Washington.

**No. 4**

## Bruins (42-17-5)

The B's won their previous five games heading into Wednesday night and have all but wrapped up the Atlantic.

**No. 5**

## Blackhawks (38-13-14)

They have scored an NHL-best 223 goals and they are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games. Just biding time until the playoffs.

**No. 6**

## Avalanche (42-18-5)

The Avalanche will probably finish third in the heavyweight Central Division, but it's not crazy to think they could reach the Cup Final this June.

**No. 7**

## Sharks (39-17-7)

Tuesday night's 6-2 whitewashing of Toronto was the perfect send-off for their three-game road trip against East teams.

**No. 8**

## Kings (38-22-6)

When you have won your last eight games it's easy to forget weaknesses (goal-scoring). The Kings have a five-game homestand starting Thursday.

**No. 9**

## Wild (34-22-9)

The Wild seem to be the Atlanta Hawks of the NHL; good enough to make the playoffs but unable to make noise.

**No. 10**

## Canadiens (34-24-7)

Canada's gold medal in Sochi seemed to come at a major cost for the Canadiens: Carey Price hasn't played since.

**No. 11**

## Leafs (35-24-8)

Tuesday night's beating in San Jose notwithstanding, the Leafs are playing well (5-3-2 in their last 10). They just need to improve on the road.

**No. 12**

## Lightning (34-24-7)

Steven Stamkos has understandably been rusty, but that's no excuse for his teammates. Tampa Bay is 2-6-2 in its last 10 games.

**No. 13**

## Stars (32-23-10)

The Stars emotionally bounced back with a thrilling, 3-2, overtime win over St. Louis Tuesday — a day after Rich Peverley collapsed.

**No. 14**

## Rangers (35-27-4)

The race to second place in the Metropolitan is one of the more entertaining subplots in the NHL this season.

**No. 15**

## Jackets (34-26-5)

If you're looking for a dark-horse in the East playoffs, the Blue Jackets fit the bill. That's assuming they make it.

**No. 16**

## Flyers (33-25-7)

The Flyers are 7-2-1- in their last 10 games, so it's hard to justify why they fell three spots. Here comes the hate mail.

**No. 17**

## Coyotes (31-24-11)

We may have overrated the Coyotes, but you have to give more weight to teams from the Western Conference since it is so far superior to the East.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